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SUBJ: IRANIAN/SOMALIAN RELATIONS

1. ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER ZELLI CALLED ME TO HIS OFFICE JULY
31 TO CONSULT ON LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN IRANIAN-SOMALIAN
RELATIONS. HE SAID HE WAS HAVING SIMILAR CONSULTATION
WITH BRITISH AMBASSADOR.

2. ZELLI SAID THAT SOMALIA AMBASSADOR HAD COME TO HIM "THREE
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DAYS AGO" IN AN AGITATED STATE AND PRESSED VERY URGENTLY
FOR IMMEDIATE TRANSFER OF ARMS TO SOMALIA. HE ALSO
ASKED FOR AN AUDIENCE WITH SHAH TO DELIVER PERSONAL MESSAGE
FROM PRESIDENT SIAD BARRE. (AUDIENCE HAS NOT YET BEEN
GRANTED.)

3. IN COURSE OF THIS DISCUSSION, SOMALI SAID THAT IRAN

MILITARY MISSION TO SOMALIA SHOULD NOT COME IF ITS SOLE PURPOSE IS INVESTIGATORY. HE SAID MISSION SHOULD COME ONLY IF IT "BRINGS WEAPONS". CONSEQUENTLY, IRAN MILITARY MISSION HAS BEEN PLACED ON "STANDBY" FOR TIME BEING.

4. ZELLI ATTEMPTED TO EXPLAIN TO SOMALI THAT CERTAIN PROCEDURES HAD TO BE FOLLOWED, BUT SOMALI INSISTED THAT DECISION TO SUPPLY WEAPONS WOULD BE ACT OF GOOD FAITH WHICH OUGHT TO BE DONE AUTOMATICALLY.

5. I TOLD ZELLI WE ALSO HAD INDICATIONS THAT SOMALIS WERE BECOMING QUITE NERVOUS AND PRESSING FOR URGENT DELIVERIES. I MENTIONED POSSIBILITY SOMALI TEAM WOULD COME TO WASHINGTON IN NEAR FUTURE. (I DID NOT RPT NOT INDICATE POSSIBILITY U.S. WOULD SEND TEAM TO SOMALIA.)

6. ZELLI SAID IRANIANS FEEL SOMEWHAT FRUSTRATED AND CONFUSED BY TURN OF EVENTS. THEY WISH, IN PRINCIPLE, TO BE RESPONSIVE TO SOMALIA BUT DO NOT WISH TO MOVE AHEAD BLINDLY. AS A STOP-GAP MEASURE, THEY ARE SENDING A C-130 LOAD OF MEDICAL SUPPLIES IN THE NEXT COUPLE OF DAYS.

7. I AM DINING WITH SOMALI AMBASSADOR TOMORROW AND WILL GET HIS VERSION OF THIS EPISODE. IT MAY MERELY BE HIS WAY OF TRANSLATING TO THE IRANIANS THE PRESSURES WHICH HE IS FEELING FROM MOGADISCIO TO HURRY UP THE IRANIAN ARMS
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SUPPLY. IF SO, HE HAS SET BACK HIS CAUSE BY HIS TACTICS.
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